







Program

Story Thus Far

known as Tonll turned out to be a pushy, rude, superficial beauty queen, which is probably why she spent over a year lucked away on a floppy disk that was sealed in plastic and labeled "Dangeri Do Not Touchilt"

Unloatunately, while Hiloshi Iried to ensure that Tont would never be released Irom her disk, another freek accident curred and Toni Joined her "younger sister" Seali in the reat would. Feat, efficient, and busy, les well as wild, irreverse no a raging bug-s-phobicl, Toni menages to stir up trouble where ever she ones.

Though they look like human girk, Saeil and Ton still have many of the advantages of a computer program, and some extra abilities as well like lypical sisters, find and Saeit agree on
some things and disagree on others. The two agreed that they
wanted thilosh to make them a younger sibling, but disagreed
on all of the delais. The two fought while entering their new
family member's parameters into the computer and that's how
fortil was born with two separatine genders and personalities.

Neither Soati nor Tork got her wish, since Forty's male persona has the personality latils that Saati wanted in a little sister and Forty's temale form has the personality that for it wanted in a title brighter, in order for Forty, to switch from one gender to another, all s/he has to do is say the word "boy" or "girl". Though s/he's usuality trikced into doing so but someone else.

With her ever-growing family at her side, Saati continues to experiment, evolve, and grow...and the unpredictable thill-ride that is now Hiloshi's life is only netting wilder!



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Hitoshi Köbe was once a poor student, a bad athiete and he way even have been the unicuteist ama allex-but not argumout! Hitoshi's perents are high-level programmers for an American company and they spend most of the year thing and working abroad. As a result Hitoshi gets unrestricted sccess to the equipment his perents fill in their home. Whenever Hitoshi has the chance, he uses his folich high-lech gees to work on making new kiends-litterally!

Unknown to most people, Hilloshi has an unbelievoble knock for creating Afficial intelligence programs. Routlinely picked on, put down, and hicked by his peecs, if's no wonder that he had been a seen and the seen and the seen and the seen on a like seen and the seen and the seen and the seen had been seen and the seen and the seen should ever became a real gift. Their seemingly lide promise was guickly put to the less when a freek lighthing doms somemor gave Seal the ability to lever the computer and the com-

Since her lirst moment as a "real" (pl. Saeli has been Hiloshis number one (and only) lat and supporte. On her list day that Saeli came to school with Hiloshi, she told everyone she was Hillshifs live-in glidfered and made Hiloshi her erry of every guy in his class. In addition, thanks to Saeli's intervention, Hibrash shinder in front of his math class, scored a goal in gun, and threated the latest in a series of embarressing pranks without ever hill come.

Despite some of her eccentricities, Saali is sweet and loving and she's always ready to learn more about humanity...unlike her 'older sister'. Al. program number Iwenty. Twenty lalso



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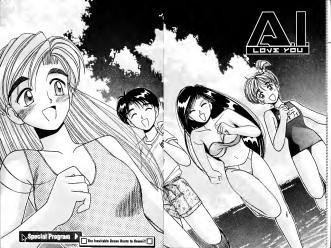
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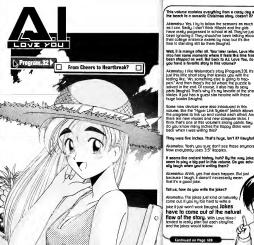












This volume contains everything from a crazy day at the beach to a romantic Christmas story, doesn't it?

have really progressed in school at all. They've just been longing it. They should've been talking about their college entrance exams bu now, but it's like time is standing still for them flaughst. Well, it is manga after all. Your later series, Love Hina. also has some moments where it feels like time has

been shopped as well But harr in A.I. Love You do uou have a favorite storu in this volume? Akamatsu: I like Watanabe's storu (Program 33) Il's just this little short story that leaves you with the

feeling like, "Ah, something else is going to hap-gen," And then there's the bit where the guzzle is solved in the end. Of course, it also has its sexu parts Itaughs). That's why it's my favorite of the short stories. It just has a guest star heroine with these hune books liauohsi.

volume, like the "Huper Link Sustem" (which allows the nonrams in link up and control each other! And there are new vinices and new commuter birks I think that's one of this volume's strong points. Sau, do you know many inches the lloppy disks were hack when I was willion this?

They were five inches. That's huge, isn't it? flaughs! Akamalsu. Yeah, you sure don't see those anymore. Now everybody uses 3.5° lloppies.

It seems like ancient history, huh? By the way, lokes seem to play a big part in this volume. On you actually laugh when you're writing them?

Akamatsu: Ahth, ues that does happen. But just because I laugh, if doesn't necessariu mean

Tell us, how do you write the lokes?

Akamatsu: The lokes just kind of naturally

come out. If you by too hard to write a loke it just won't work flaughs). Jokes have to come out of the natural flow of the story, with Love High !

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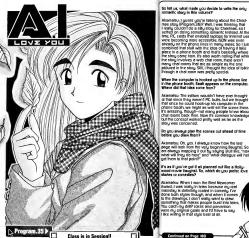












So tell us, what made you decide to write the only romantic story in this volume?

Akamalsu: I guess you're falking about the Christmas story [Program.36]? Well, I was thinking that I really couldn't do a silly story for Christmas, so I settled on doing something romantic instead. At the time PC cards that enabled lantons for Internet use were becoming more accessible ISDN was even already on the phone lines in many areas. So I just combined that stull with the idea of having it take place in a phone booth and that's basically where the storu came from It's also worth noting that while the storu involves a web chat room, there aren't many chal rooms that are as simple as the one pictured in the storu. Still, I thought the idea of talking through a chat room was pretty special.

When the computer is hooked up to the phone line in the phone booth. Saali aggress on the computer. Where did that idea come from?

that since he could hook-up his computer in the phone booth, we might as well set the scene there. It's amazing, though-not many people knew about chal rooms back then. Now it's common knowledge. but the concept worked pretty well as lar as the story was concerned

Do you always plan the scenes out ahead of time before you draw them?

Akamalsu: Oh, yes. I always know how the last page will look from the very beginning (laughs). So t am always mapping it out by saying stuff like, 'now what will they do here" and "what dialogue will help

It's as if upu've got it all planned out like a Hollywood movie (laughs). So, which do you prefer, love stories or comedes?

Akamalsu: When I won the Best Newcomer Award, I was really in lears because my real mainstau is definitely rooted in comedy, I've done both styles though, and when it comes / to the drawings, I don't really want to draw something that makes people burst into lears. You catch my drill? Jokes and perversion were my criginal goals and I'd have to say I like writing in that style best of all



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Ken Akamatsu shout what makes A I Love You such a omai

















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OH, STOP ME YOU GUYS! PAYIN' TA CUTTA













Whether you're writing a comedy or a sob story you always use very furny and endearing characters. Even the viruses seem more lovable than they were in the earliest volumes.

Akamaisu: Yes, the viruses are pretty cute. That's kind of a characteristic of my style. The Peter 4 virus from volume one) was a little scary, but from this volume on, I shived to make everything much cuter I even thought the way the virus attacks the computer bu nibbling on it also lurned out adorable. As upu know, viruses are supposed to be a lad sneakler han that, though. This was also around the same lime I was really starting to do some new things with he series, because I really lelt attached to it.

in addition to the cute viruses. I noticed a lot of new things in this series. One big example is the world of the Internet

Akamaisu: Yeah, at first I was planning on just showing the characters in the inside of a computer's brain. but that didn't seem very exciling so I went with the ocean idea. Looking back, I think it only helped the series to succeed, because I kept drawing the girls

Besides, it you just stick with hying to make the characters look cool the only reaction you ever get is "oh, that looks cool." I wanted to make the horacters cute, but also cool-looking at the same ine. In fact, the covers for the life's re-release were all drawn with that fact in mind. Looking back, I think I really accomplished my goal of making everything Super-cute with this unit me

So is that cuteness what we should be watching for in this volume?

Akamalsu: Yes, there was a lime when the characters were really starting to get developed and introduced a lot of plots and ideas and just sat back and watched what happened. It was a really fun ime for me. to be sure. This is when the one and the background of the stories

was at its best because the stories weren't too serious and I could really idax and have fun with them. Which is a bood thing, because doing the art can be very stressful. As I reached the end of the

series, I got really nervous about how the arr looked. What I think that the reader should watch for is not so much the stories in this volume, but the way the lokes take over and hit one after another.

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KEN AKAMATSII TELLS ALL

Musings from Ken Akamatsu about cute viruses and the litte's

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